

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.211  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

**OVERHAULING OF RAILWAY TRACKS**

**\*211. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) the details of initiatives to upgrade the infrastructure of railways, specifically the railway tracks that are found to be damaged and unfit for regular use along with the progress made therein;**

**(b) whether the Government has put in place a structured plan to identify the railway zones that need urgent overhauling;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Eastern Railways has been identified to be in urgent requirement of overhauling of railway tracks; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 BY SHRI SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.08.2018 REGARDING OVERHAULING OF RAILWAY TRACKS**

**(a) to (e) Upgradation/strengthening/rehabilitation/rebuilding of railway infrastructure is a continuous process on Indian Railways and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspection by the designated officials.**

**Railway tracks are replaced through Track Renewal Works, which is an ongoing process. Track Renewal Works are undertaken as and when a stretch of track becomes due for renewal on the basis of criteria laid down in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual on age/condition basis viz. traffic carried in terms of gross million tonnes, incidence of rail fracture/failure, wear of rails, corrosion of rails, maintainability of track as per standards, etc. On Meter Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG) tracks which are sanctioned for Gauge conversion, the track renewal works, if required, are undertaken after due consideration of progress of execution of gauge conversion. Track Renewal Works are planned in advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to the condition of track and various other factors ensuring all the time that track is in a sound condition for safe running of trains. In case any stretch of track is not renewed in time due to various reasons, suitable speed restrictions, if required are imposed to ensure safe running of trains.**

**As on 01.04.2018, 8265 km of track (in Complete Track Renewal Units, i.e CTR units) is sanctioned on Indian Railways for renewal out of which a target of 4400 km in CTR units for track renewal has been kept for year 2018-19. This includes Through Rail Renewal (Primary) or TRR(P) of 5000 km. Budget outlay of Rs. 11450 Cr. has been provided under Track Renewal for year 2018-19.**

**As on 01.04.2018 on Eastern Railway, approx. 583 km. in CTR Units of Track Renewal is sanctioned. This includes Through Rail Renewal (Primary) of 669 km. A target of 289 km in CTR Units of track renewal (including TRR(P) of 318 km) has been kept for 2018-19. The details of track renewal for the year 2017-18 and current year for Eastern Railway are as under:**

<b>Railway</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Track Renewal</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>2017-18 (Progress)</b>	<b>268 CTR units (Including TRR(P) 277 km)</b>
	<b>2018-19 (Target)</b>	<b>289 CTR Units (Including TRR(P) 318 km)</b>
	<b>2018-19 (Progress upto June, 2018)</b>	<b>63 CTR units (Including TRR(P) 64 km)</b>

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